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Applicant: Reiley et al.

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Title: Hand-Held Instruments that Access Interior Body Regions

**AMENDMENT C**  
**SUBMITTED WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2002, which was designated a final action. A Request for Continued Examination has been filed to respond to the Office Action and to advance prosecution

An automatic three month extension of time to respond, up to and including June 4, 2003, has been requested with the filing of the RCE. The requisite fee has been paid.

Please amend the application as follows:

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